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SUBJ: ROMANIAN-EC RELATIONS

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1. REPORTED PRC DECISION TO RECOGNIZE EC AND MOVE TOWARD
TRADE AGREEMENT WITH COMMISSION HEIGHTENS POSSIBILITY THAT
ROMANIA MAY TAKE SIMILAR COURSE. ROMANIAN ECONOMIC OFFICIALS
INFORMED ON EC AFFAIRS HAVE PREVIOUSLY TOLD EMBOFFS HERE THAT
WHILE ROMANIA WOULD NOT RISK BEING FIRST COMMUNIST COUNTRY TO
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ACCORD EC FULL POLITICAL RECOGNITION OR ENTER INTO TRADE

AGREEMENT, SUCH A MOVE BY PRC MIGHT ALLOW ROMANIA TO FOLLOW SUIT.

2. MOST RECENTLY, NICOLAE DUMITRESCU, FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY
OFFICIAL HEADING ROMANIAN TEAM NEGOTIATING US-GOR COTTON
TEXTILE BILATERAL, RAISED THIS POSSIBILITY WHILE DISCUSSING
WAYS IN WHICH ROMANIA MIGHT OBTAIN GREATER ACCESS FOR COTTON
TEXTILE EXPORTS TO WEST EUROPEAN MARKETS. DUMITRESCU REASONED
THAT ROMANIAN RECOGNITION OF EC MIGHT BE RECIPROCATED BY MORE
FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF ROMANIAN TEXTILE EXPORTS. DUMITRESCU'S
COMMENTS WERE MADE IN NEGOTIATING CONTEXT AND SHOULD THEREFORE
BE TAKEN WITH GRAIN OF SALT, BUT THEY DO INDICATE HEIGHTENED
(AND MORE PUBLIC) CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO EC RECOGNITION
NOW THAT CHINESE HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL BLAZE THE TRAIL.
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